

"(12) The Director of the Office of Science and Technology.

"(13) The Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

"(14) One member appointed by the chairman from among individuals who will represent the views of ocean industries.

"(15) One member appointed by the chairman from among individuals who will represent the views of State governments.

"(16) One member appointed by the chairman from among individuals who will represent the views of academia.

"(17) One member appointed by the chairman from among individuals who will represent such other views as the chairman considers appropriate.

"(c) CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN.—(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), the chairman and vice chairman of the Council shall be appointed every two years by a selection committee of the Council composed of, at a minimum, the Secretary of the Navy, the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the Director of the National Science Foundation. The term of office of the chairman and vice chairman shall be two years. A person who has previously served as chairman or vice chairman may be reappointed.

"(2) The first chairman of the Council shall be the Secretary of the Navy. The first vice chairman of the Council shall be the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

"(d) TERM OF OFFICE.—The term of office of a member of the Council appointed under paragraph (14), (15), (16), or (17) of subsection (b) shall be two years, except that any person appointed to fill a vacancy occurring before the expiration of the term for which his predecessor was appointed shall be appointed for the remainder of such term.

"(e) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Council shall have the following responsibilities:

"(1) To prescribe policies and procedures to implement the National Oceanographic Partnership Program.

"(2) To review, select, and identify and allocate funds for Partnership projects for implementation under the program, based on the following criteria:

"(A) Whether the project addresses critical research objectives or operational goals, such as data

accessibility  
and quality assurance, sharing of resources,  
education, or  
communication.

"(B) Whether the project has, or is designed to have,  
broad participation within the oceanographic community.

"(C) Whether the partners have a long-term commitment to the objectives of the project.

"(D) Whether the resources supporting the  
project are  
shared among the partners.

"(E) Whether the project has been  
subjected to adequate peer review.

"(3) To assess whether there is a need for a  
facility (or  
facilities) to provide national centralization of  
oceanographic  
data, and to establish such a facility or facilities if  
determined  
necessary. In conducting the assessment, the  
Council shall  
review, at a minimum, the following:

"(A) The need for a national oceanographic data center.

"(B) The need for a national coastal data center.

"(C) Accessibility by potential users of such centers.